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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

All Previous Claims - (Cancelled)

1. (Currently Amended) A method for exchange of pseudonymous personal information between two or more data storage servers or within a data storage server in which the identities of persons, associated servers and/or associated organizations with which the personal information resides is pseudonymous, comprising:

assigning a unique identification (UID) to a person having personal information for storage;

registering the person with a pseudonymous proxy server as a user type with associated pseudonym and set of rules that control the person's access to stored data;

providing a service provider identifier to the person that identifies the person to a service provider;

[[a]] the pseudonymous proxy server providing both the person's associated [[a]] pseudonym and the service provider identifier with a random factor;

transmitting a message from the person to the service provider through the pseudonymous proxy server, wherein the pseudonymous proxy server receives the message and, based on said set of rules that control the person's access to stored data, validates a relationship between the person, the service provider and/or a private data owner and transmits the message to the service provider if the relationship between the person and the service provider is validated; and

said pseudonymous proxy server authorizing the person to view the private data owner's actual private data or pseudonyms for said private data based on said set of rules that control the person's access to stored data of said private data owner.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pseudonymous proxy server controls unique identifications (UIDs) and sets of rules for respective persons among multiple servers in a hub and spoke network configuration.

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3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pseudonymous proxy server controls unique identifications (UIDs) and sets of rules for respective persons among multiple servers in a network tree configuration.

- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising the person encrypting said pseudonym.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the pseudonymous personal information is the person's medical records and the data storage servers are controlled by respective medical service providers, where said person and said respective medical service providers are permitted access to said person's medical records based on said set of rules, and wherein a transfer of said patient's medical records from one medical service provider to another medical service provider includes the replacing of the another medical service provider's name with a pseudonym, pseudonymizing the person's medical records in accordance with the another medical service provider's access rights, and providing the access rights to the another medical professional service provider based on authorization to the person's medical records as granted by the person.